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FOR H.323 SYSTEMS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2004, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I (claim nos. 1-16), with traverse. While the device of Group I and the method of Group II may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, applicant believes that simultaneous examination will not present an undue burden. For example, the claims of Group I are drawn to a method of encoding protocol data units transmitting additional supplementary services carried over an existing protocol, having therein identifier field for identifying different functionally based supplementary services and the claims of

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Group II are drawn to presentation and display of information at an endpoint “relating to a Simple Supplementary Services Protocol (SSSP) and carried via messages over an exiting protocol” having therein two different displays namely a “Feature Display” displaying supplementary feature information relating to the SSSP and a second display (“a Default display”) displaying a non-SSP related information. The two Groups of claims include subject matters that are classified commonly in class 370.

Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in the same application. See, MPEP § 803.

Early and favorable consideration of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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